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¶1. (SBU) Embassy officials spoke with Ecuadorian Army Lieutenant Luna, Commander of the Ecuadorian Army's Fourth Division Reconnaissance Unit, who confirmed that the 35 Bushmaster Patrolman's carbines and 35 M203 grenade launchers were received by the Ecuadorian Joint Command in May 2009. Luna added that the above items had since been deployed to the Fourth Division Reconnaissance Unit in El Coca, Orellana province. Embassy officials familiar with the unit confirm that the facilities are sufficient for secure storage of the weapons.

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